

# VIETNAM COMMITMENT SELF-REPORTING QUESTIONNAIRE 2018



Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

The Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) Secretariat surveys all FP2020 commitment makers to gather updates on overall progress, major activities, and key areas of challenge in fulfilling commitments. We use these responses to support information and knowledge sharing and transparency among FP2020 commitment makers and the broader family planning community.

We look forward to publishing your response on your country's dedicated country webpage [<http://www.familyplanning2020.org/entities/145>] on FP2020's website.

We request that you submit your response by **Friday, June 8, 2018**. Please complete the attached Word document and submit to Martyn Smith on [msmith@familyplanning2020.org](mailto:msmith@familyplanning2020.org) with a copy to Chonghee Hwang on [chwang@familyplanning2020.org](mailto:chwang@familyplanning2020.org).

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**Thank you again for your commitment to improve the lives of women and girls through greater access to voluntary family planning. We look forward to your response.**

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Please note that in addition to addressing each element of the Government of Vietnam's commitment to FP2020, this questionnaire also includes three standard questions we are requesting of all FP2020 commitment-making countries.

As you provide your updates below on each element of your commitment, kindly focus on progress made, any major challenges or barriers you faced, and share information on any key upcoming commitment-related milestones. **Please provide updates that reflect the July 2017- May 2018 period only.**

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## UPDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

### COMMITMENT OVERVIEW

The Government of Vietnam commits to:

- ensure universal access to family planning; and
- bring the mCPR for married women (ages 15-49) up to 70% by 2020 from 67.5% to 2015

#### 1. **COMMITMENT:** The government commits to:

- 1.1. Ensure adequate budget for family planning (FP) services for the poor and near poor people, and those who are marginalized, hard to reach, and ethnic minority groups;
- 1.2. Ensure sufficient budget for consolidation of the service provision network in line with technical decentralization requirements, focusing on marginalized, hard to reach areas, ensuring provision of FP and essential reproductive health (RH) services at all levels, especially at grass roots level;
- 1.3. Ensure budgets to meet essential needs for the population/FP/RH programs and services as well as implementing Government policies prioritized for marginalized, hard to reach and ethnic minority groups; and
- 1.4. Ensure to improve the quality of services through issuing technical protocols, technical procedures; upgrading infrastructures, providing equipment and training to update knowledge of FP/RH service providers.

*In the space below, please provide an update on activities undertaken in 2017-2018 in support of these elements of your commitment:*

- Strengthen the FP counselling and providing family planning services for adolescents and youth, such as: focus on communication and specialized counselling for adolescents and youths; youth-friendly family planning services; conduct training for service providers and managers; develop the pilot model for improving RH/ FP services for adolescents and youth.
- Assurance family planning services to provide adequate and timely family planning services in a safe, effective, diversified and convenient manner with better and better quality for the target groups, ensuring the fulfillment of planned targets by the following channels:
  - + Free of charge program for priority beneficiaries
  - + Social marketing program
  - + Socialization program
- Quality management of contraceptives by strengthening management of contraceptive quality in the market.
- Improve the quality of FP services in health facilities according to the technical allocation on the basis of increased training of FP services technicians, counselling skills and quality of services.
- Improve the quality of family planning services by organizing the population campaigns focusing on the high fertility rates areas and the communes with difficult transportation conditions, limited access to RH/FP services communes such as ethnic minorities, immigrants, etc.
- Organize a campaign to promote communication and advocacy for integrating FP/RH services in disadvantaged, marine, island and coastal communes; high fertility and geographical areas. The number of communes selected by the locality is within the scope of the allocated budget and is financed by the local budget. The campaign provided four packages of services, including family planning services; gynecological examinations; fetal birth defect screening and counselling and pre-marriage health checkups.
- Strengthen the propagation and mobilization of people to change their perceptions and behaviors on reproductive health and family planning in high fertility areas and specific areas. Organization of rallies, parades and communication activities on the occasion of the Viet Nam Population Day, World Population Day, World Contraception Day ...
- Develop and implement pilot models to intervene and adjust fertility levels to very low fertility regions, ethnic minority groups at risk of declining population size and specific population groups.
- Organization of professional training, skills, management skills and implementation for population officials.
- Implement the project "Enhancing sustainable access to quality family planning and reproductive health care services in Viet Nam for the period 2015-2020" funded by Marie Stopes International.
- Coordinate with MSI to organize training course on logistics management of contraceptive; on knowledge and management consultancy skills on screening for prenatal and neonatal diagnosis; training course on orientation of the Population program in the new period program; conduct works on policy and law on social and health insurance.

**2. COMMITMENT:** The government commits to:

- 2.1. Increase accessibilities to FP/RH services in regions that have slow declining maternal mortality rates;
- 2.2. Cooperate with telecommunication providers and high tech-media in proactively providing information to adolescents and unmarried youth;

- 2.3. Improve cooperation between public and private providers to provide youth friendly services and contraceptive methods;
- 2.4. Develop reproductive health and sexual health policies and strengthen inter-sectoral cooperation on youth's reproductive and sexual health;
- 2.5. Promote youth's participating in developing, implementing and monitoring reproductive and sexual health services and interventions;
- 2.6. Improve rights-based approaches in providing family planning services by
  - 2.6.1. ensuring the provision of quality FP/SRH services, thereby improving clients' satisfaction
  - 2.6.2. developing national standards for a quality system of contraceptive methods in accordance with international standards;
  - 2.6.3. developing policies to support participation of private sector and NGOs in providing contraceptives and family planning services; and
  - 2.6.4. expanding and perfecting financial mechanisms for family planning services to ensure quality, competitive price and method mix;
- 2.7. Strengthen the health system;
- 2.8. Improve linkages by integrating HIV into FP/SRH policies, programs and services at all levels; and
- 2.9. Perfect policies and interventions in accordance with culture.

***In the space below, please provide an update on activities undertaken in 2017-2018 in support of these elements of your commitment:***

1. 2017 is the second year to implement the second phase of the Vietnamese Population and Reproductive Health Strategy for the period 2011-2020. The policies of the Party and the State are quite convenient to implement the family planning program.

- Resolution No. 21-NQ-TW of the Party sets the target that all women of reproductive age shall have convenient access to contraceptives by 2030.
- The Ministry of Health has issued policies on family planning services specifically regulated by the system of service delivery organizations; ensuring the quality of services; encourage and create user needs and social regulations.
- The quality management system of contraception is adequate.

2. Due to limited budget, Vietnam is expected to carry out the following activities related to these commitments in 2018:

- Enhance the availability and quality of family planning services through the following activities:
  - Update knowledge and professional skills for service providers; Training of population collaborators, village health workers; Promote the socialization and the development of the contraceptive market.
  - Improve the provision of contraceptive and health equipment
  - Promote socialization and market development of the contraceptive
  - Provide family planning services in the health system at local levels.
  - Strengthen the provision of FP services for specific regions and subjects.
- Strengthen communication and advocacy for family planning through activities
  - Regular communication (on the mass media, in coordination with other agencies, mass organizations, campaign organization, conduct the communication in the community, for the service providers).

- Interventions for hard-to-reach people (in regions with high fertility rates, adolescents / youths, migrants, unmarried people, inhabitants of sea areas and islands, ethnic minorities).
- Produce replicas of communication products suitable to each group of subjects.

**3. COMMITMENT:** The Government of Viet Nam commits to collaborate with  
3.1. UNFPA on its support of FP/SRH and other issues through 2020; and

3.2. MSI's cooperative program, which promotes

- 3.2.1. procurement of and access to long-term and permanent family planning methods of poor women living in difficult and prioritized areas, including poor and near-poor women, ethnic women of priority, based on the principle of client's right to informed choice and adherent to technical criteria as well as the MOH's requirements; and
- 3.2.2. the marketing capacity and procurement of contraceptives of GOPFP and provincial population-family planning offices; and
- 3.2.3. the expanded choice in long-term contraceptives, including IUD and implant.

*In the space below, please provide an update on activities undertaken in 2017-2018 in support of these elements of your commitment:*

3.1 Collaborate with UNFPA, including:

- Support the draft Resolution of the Party Central Committee on Population, including develop and complete the Population Law and related policy documents, including the Population and Reproductive Health Strategy for the period of 2021-2030;
- Provide family planning services for migrants and vulnerable groups; and
- Mobilize and develop the policies for monitoring the quality of contraceptives.

3.2 Collaborate with MSI to organize workshops to build, monitor and supervise the situation and support management costs to promote the implementation of the model "Strengthening Public Health Capacity for 2017-2020 to unify the Strengthening public health period 2017-2020, and at the same time instruct the provinces / cities to develop a plan to implement the model to ensure efficient use of investment resources, solutions to improve the quality of service delivery and diversify the family planning / delivery services in order to develop a model for providing high quality and sustainable family planning services" at the central level.

*Please respond to all parts of the following 3 questions:*

**1. How has your Government engaged civil society organizations, young people, and marginalized women and girls in decision-making about national family planning programs and policies?**

**a. What challenges have you faced in working with these groups? (please give examples)**

The social norms, traditional attitudes and related gender base regulations of conduct are against the current family planning program.

**2. *How is the Government integrating family planning into universal health coverage (UHC)-oriented schemes and what is/are the mechanism(s) being used or considered?***

Availability, accessibility and acceptability. In these three dimensions we are talking about services and commodities being available, accessible and acceptable to every person. Quality counselling is vital for an informed choice.

**3. *Did the FP2020 Focal Points participate in your country's 2018 data consensus meeting?***

No, we did not participate in this meeting.

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